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App. No.: 09/175,156#11  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Keith Lynn PUTNAM *et al.*

Serial No: 09/175,156

Filing Date: October 19, 1998

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED  
AUDIO RESPONSES TO  
INCOMING PHONE CALLS

Examiner: Ovidio Escalante

Art Unit: 2645

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By:   
Jeanette L. Taplin**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii. ☐ With payment of the issue fee
  - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
  - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 has been granted
  - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
  - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

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### ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) month(s).  
☐ Please enter the Amendment filed \_\_\_\_.  
☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and \_\_\_\_ references.  
☐ New arguments  
☐ New evidence in support of patentability  
☐ Other:

### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. §1.17(e))

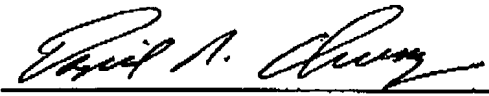
4. ☒ Filing fee has been calculated as shown below after entering the previous amendment (other than small entity):

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	x Rate	Additional Fees
Total Claims	27	-20	=7	x \$ 18	\$ 126.00
Indep. Claim	3	-3	=0	x \$ 84	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$280	\$ 0.00
				Basic Filing Fee	\$ 770.00
				Total	\$ 896.00

5. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 in the amount of \$896.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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